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# **TRANSIT FACT BOOK**

## **1959 EDITION**



**AMERICAN TRANSIT ASSOCIATION**

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*Annual Summary of Basic Data and Trends  
in the Transit Industry of the United States*

1959 EDITION



THIS IS THE SEVENTEENTH annual edition of the Transit Fact Book compiled by the Statistical department of the American Transit Association. It is identified as the 1959 edition and covers the operations of the industry through the year 1958 with the latest plant and equipment data as of December 31, 1958. The figures given are in all cases totals for the whole transit industry of the United States.

The transit industry herein represented comprises all organized local passenger transportation agencies except taxicab and suburban railroads, sightseeing buses and school buses. Included are (1) local motor bus lines, (2) electric street railways, (3) elevated and subway lines, (4) inter-urban electric railways, and (5) trolley coach lines.

The primary sources of the data herein developed are the financial and statistical reports received by the American Transit Association from transit companies representing more than 85 per cent of the transit industry.

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# THE TRANSIT INDUSTRY—1958

## 1. Number of Operating Companies (Dec. 31, 1958) : Total 1,300

(a) Electric Railway Companies (Total) .....	35
Urban Railway .....	15
(Subway and Elevated Railway..... 6)	
Interurban Railway .....	20
Railway Exclusively .....	18
*Railway and Motor Bus Combined .....	7
*Railway, Motor Bus & Trolley Coach Combined .....	10
(b) Trolley Coach Companies (Total) (All Urban) .....	26
*Trolley Coach and Motor Bus Combined .....	16
(c) Motor Bus Companies (Total) .....	1,282
Urban Motor Bus .....	767
Suburban Motor Bus .....	515
Motor Bus Exclusively .....	1,249

\* Included also in item (c)

## Distribution of Transit Companies by Population Groups (Each company is counted only in the population group of the largest city it serves.)

POPULATION GROUP	ELECTRIC RAILWAYS (INCL. JOINT TROLLEY COACH AND/OR MOTOR BUS OPERATIONS)	TROLLEY COACH AND MOTOR BUS OPERATIONS COMBINED	MOTOR BUS (Exclusively)	GRAND TOTAL
500,000 and over .....	13	3	12	28
250,000— 500,000 .....	1	7	32	40
100,000— 250,000 .....	0	5	73	78
50,000— 100,000 .....	1	1	109	111
Less than 50,000 .....	0	0	511	511
Suburban and Other .....	**20	0	512	532
TOTAL .....	35	16	1,249	1,300

\*\* Includes 15 companies which are 100% freight and/or switching operations.

2. <i>Miles of Line and Miles of Route Operated</i> (Dec. 31, 1958)	
(a) Electric Railway Line Mileage .....	1,935
Surface Railway Line Mileage .....	1,552
Subway and Elevated Line Mileage .....	383
(b) Trolley Coach Line Mileage .....	1,400
(c) Motor Bus Line Mileage .....	47,700
Total Line Mileage .....	51,035
(d) Electric Railway—Miles of Single Track .....	4,145
Surface Railway—Miles of Single Track .....	2,901
Subway and Elevated—Miles of Single Track .....	1,244
(e) Trolley Coach—Miles of Negative Overhead Wire .....	2,723
(f) Motor Bus—Miles of Route Round Trip .....	104,500
3. <i>Passenger Vehicles Owned</i> (Dec. 31, 1958) : Total .....	
(a) Electric Railway Cars .....	12,199
Surface Railway Cars .....	3,108
Subway and Elevated Cars .....	9,091
(b) Trolley Coaches .....	4,848
(c) Motor Buses .....	50,100
4. <i>Gross Investment</i> (Dec. 31, 1958) : Total .....	
(a) Electric Railway .....	2,870,000,000
Surface Railway .....	373,000,000
Subway and Elevated .....	2,497,000,000
(b) Trolley Coach .....	139,000,000
(c) Motor Bus .....	772,000,000
5. <i>Operating Revenue—1958—Total</i> .....	
(a) Electric Railway .....	365,600,000
Surface Railway .....	99,100,000
Subway and Elevated .....	266,500,000
(b) Trolley Coach .....	103,200,000
(c) Motor Bus .....	880,700,000
6. <i>Passenger Revenue—1958—Total</i> .....	
(a) Electric Railway .....	335,000,000
Surface Railway .....	75,600,000
Subway and Elevated .....	259,400,000
(b) Trolley Coach .....	100,100,000
(c) Motor Bus .....	839,200,000

7. <i>Vehicle Miles Operated—1958—Total</i> .....	2,201,000,000
(a) Electric Railway Car Miles .....	476,400,000
Surface Railway Car Miles .....	89,900,000
Subway and Elevated Car Miles .....	386,500,000
(b) Trolley Coach Miles .....	131,000,000
(c) Motor Bus Miles .....	1,593,600,000
8. <i>Total Passengers Carried—1958—Total</i> .....	9,732,000,000
(a) Electric Railway .....	2,387,000,000
Surface Railway .....	572,000,000
Subway and Elevated .....	1,815,000,000
(b) Trolley Coach .....	843,000,000
(c) Motor Bus .....	6,502,000,000
9. <i>Revenue Passengers Carried—1958—Total</i> .....	7,778,000,000
(a) Electric Railway .....	2,050,000,000
Surface Railway .....	415,000,000
Subway and Elevated .....	1,635,000,000
(b) Trolley Coach .....	593,000,000
(c) Motor Bus .....	5,135,000,000
10. <i>Number of Employees (Average 1958)—Total</i> .....	165,000
(a) Electric Railway .....	49,000
Surface Railway .....	13,000
Subway and Elevated .....	36,000
(b) Trolley Coach .....	12,000
(c) Motor Bus .....	104,000
11. <i>Pay Roll—1958—Total</i> .....	\$ 831,000,000
(a) Electric Railway .....	253,000,000
Surface Railway .....	67,500,000
Subway and Elevated .....	185,500,000
(b) Trolley Coach .....	61,000,000
(c) Motor Bus .....	517,000,000
12. <i>Expenditures for Materials—1958—Total</i> .....	\$ 191,500,000
(a) Maintenance Materials .....	111,800,000
(b) Operating Materials .....	79,700,000
I. Coal .....	13,700,000
II. Gasoline .....	28,700,000
III. Diesel Oil .....	15,600,000
IV. Propane .....	2,400,000
V. Lubricants .....	2,700,000
VI. Electric Power (Purchased) .....	16,600,000

## *Trend of Transit Operations*

**TABLE NO. 1**  
**Results of Transit Operations in the United States**  
**At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1958**

YEAR	OPERATING REVENUE	OPERATING EXPENSES (Incl. Deprec.)	NET REVENUE	ALL TAXES
	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Thousands)
1935 .....	\$ 681,400	\$ 534,930	\$146,470	\$50,460
1940 .....	737,000	598,030	138,970	62,690
1945 .....	1,380,400	1,067,140	313,260	164,530
1950 .....	1,452,100	1,296,690	155,410	89,040
1951 .....	1,472,700	1,331,270	141,430	95,340
1952 .....	1,501,300	1,369,560	131,740	101,990
1953 .....	1,513,100	1,370,700	142,400	97,350
1954 .....	1,471,800	1,337,260	134,540	89,700
1955 .....	1,426,400	1,277,370	149,030	93,320
1956 .....	1,416,100	1,271,480	144,620	88,930
1957 .....	1,385,600	1,262,170	123,430	86,810
1958 .....	1,349,500	1,266,560	82,940	76,350

**Table 1—(Continued)**

YEAR	OPERATING INCOME	PERCENT OF OPERATING REVENUE:		
		OPERATING EXPENSES (Incl. Deprec.)	ALL TAXES	OPERATING INCOME
	(Thousands)			
1935 .....	\$ 96,010	78.50	7.41	14.09
1940 .....	76,280	81.14	8.51	10.35
1945 .....	148,730	77.31	11.92	10.77
1950 .....	66,370	89.30	6.13	4.57
1951 .....	46,090	90.40	6.47	3.13
1952 .....	29,750	91.23	6.79	1.98
1953 .....	45,050	90.59	6.43	2.98
1954 .....	44,840	90.86	6.09	3.05
1955 .....	55,710	89.55	6.54	3.91
1956 .....	55,690	89.79	6.28	3.93
1957 .....	36,620	91.09	6.27	2.64
1958 .....	6,590	93.85	5.66	0.49



## *Transit Taxes in 1958*

**TABLE NO. 2**  
**Transit Taxes in 1958**

	AMOUNT	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION
Federal Taxes (Total) .....	\$32,270,000	42.27
Income Taxes .....	10,240,000	13.41
Other Federal Taxes .....	22,030,000	28.86
State, County and Local Taxes .....	44,080,000	57.73
<b>TOTAL TAXES .....</b>	<b>\$76,350,000</b>	<b>100.00</b>

## *Transit Traffic*

**TABLE NO. 3**  
**Total Passengers Carried on Transit Lines of the United States in 1958**  
**Distributed by Type of Service and Population Groups**

	RAILWAY (Millions)	TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
Subway and Elevated .....	1,815	.....	.....	1,815
Surface Lines: (Population Group)				
500,000 and over .....	485	517	3,210	4,212
250,000— 500,000 .....	5	219	1,070	1,294
100,000— 250,000 .....	13	68	791	872
50,000— 100,000 .....	26	24	657	707
Less Than 50,000 .....	7	15	270	292
Suburban and Other .....	36	0	504	540
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>2,387</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>6,502</b>	<b>9,732</b>

***Total Passengers (By Population Groups)***

**TABLE NO. 4**  
**Total Transit Passengers in the United States By Population Groups**  
**At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1958**

YEAR	RAPID TRANSIT  (Millions)	SURFACE LINES						TOTAL  (Millions)
		500,000 AND OVER  (Millions)	250,000- 500,000  (Millions)	100,000- 250,000  (Millions)	50,000- 100,000  (Millions)	LESS THAN 50,000  (Millions)	SUBURBAN AND OTHER  (Millions)	
1935 . . . . .	2,236	5,626	1,547	1,080	587	207	943	12,226
1940 . . . . .	2,382	5,901	1,808	1,271	794	326	616	13,098
1945 . . . . .	2,698	9,258	3,867	2,823	2,158	1,002	1,448	23,254
1950 . . . . .	2,264	7,058	2,645	1,945	1,551	817	966	17,246
1951 . . . . .	2,189	6,495	2,515	1,813	1,450	753	910	16,125
1952 . . . . .	2,124	6,125	2,330	1,637	1,373	691	839	15,119
1953 . . . . .	2,040	5,663	2,114	1,500	1,229	588	768	13,902
1954 . . . . .	1,912	5,088	1,859	1,305	1,066	475	687	12,392
1955 . . . . .	1,870	4,788	1,703	1,173	935	416	644	11,529
1956 . . . . .	1,880	4,606	1,554	1,065	850	375	611	10,941
1957 . . . . .	1,843	4,461	1,416	979	779	330	581	10,389
1958 . . . . .	1,815	4,212	1,294	872	707	292	540	9,732

## *Total Passengers (By Types of Service)*

**TABLE NO. 5**

**At Five Year Intervals 1935–1950 and Annually 1950–1958**

CALENDAR YEAR	RAILWAY			TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
	SURFACE (Millions)	SUBWAY & ELEVATED (Millions)	TOTAL (Millions)			
1935 ...	7,276	2,236	9,512	96	2,618	12,226
1940 ...	5,943	2,382	8,325	534	4,239	13,098
1945 ...	9,426	2,698	12,124	1,244	9,886	23,254
1950 ...	3,904	2,264	6,168	1,658	9,420	17,246
1951 ...	3,101	2,189	5,290	1,633	9,202	16,125
1952 ...	2,477	2,124	4,601	1,640	8,878	15,119
1953 ...	2,036	2,040	4,076	1,566	8,260	13,902
1954 ...	1,489	1,912	3,401	1,367	7,624	12,392
1955 ...	1,207	1,870	3,077	1,202	7,250	11,529
1956 ...	876	1,880	2,756	1,142	7,043	10,941
1957 ...	679	1,843	2,522	993	6,874	10,389
1958 ...	572	1,815	2,387	843	6,502	9,732

## *Trend of Rides Per Capita*

**TABLE NO. 6**

**Urban Population, Total Rides and Rides Per Capita  
At Five Year Intervals 1935–1950 and Annually 1950–1958**

YEAR	URBAN POPULATION (Millions)	TOTAL RIDES (Millions)	RIDES PER CAPITA OF POPULATION	INDEXES (1924=100)		
				POPULATION	RIDES	RIDES PER CAPITA
1935 ...	71.7	12,226	171	119.3	75.0	63.1
1940 ...	74.4	13,098	176	123.8	80.4	64.9
1945 ...	74.5	23,254	312	124.0	142.7	115.1
1950 ...	88.4	17,246	195	147.1	105.8	72.0
1951 ...	89.5	16,125	180	148.9	98.9	66.4
1952 ...	90.6	15,119	167	150.7	92.7	61.6
1953 ...	91.1	13,902	153	151.6	85.3	56.5
1954 ...	92.0	12,392	135	153.1	76.0	49.8
1955 ...	93.2	11,529	124	155.1	70.7	45.8
1956 ...	93.3	10,941	117	155.2	67.1	43.2
1957 ...	93.6	10,389	111	155.7	63.7	41.0
1958 ...	94.0	9,732	104	156.4	59.7	38.4

## *Revenue Passengers 1958*

**TABLE NO. 7**

**Revenue Passengers Carried on Transit Lines of the United States in 1958  
Distributed by Type of Service and Population Groups**

	RAILWAY (Millions)	TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
Subway and Elevated . . . . .	1,635	. . . . .	. . . . .	1,635
Surface Lines: (Population Group)				
500,000 and over . . . . .	338	343	2,414	3,095
250,000— 500,000 . . . . .	4	169	811	984
100,000— 250,000 . . . . .	10	52	658	720
50,000— 100,000 . . . . .	22	19	555	596
Less Than 50,000 . . . . .	6	10	238	254
Suburban and Other . . . . .	35	0	459	494
TOTAL . . . . .	2,050	593	5,135	7,778

## *Trend of Revenue Passengers*

**TABLE NO. 8**

**Revenue Passengers Carried on Transit Lines of the United States Distributed by  
Types of Service  
At Five Year Intervals 1935–1950 and Annually 1950–1958**

CAL- ENDAR YEAR	RAILWAY			TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
	SURFACE	SUBWAY AND ELEVATED	TOTAL			
	(Millions)	(Millions)	(Millions)			
1935 . . .	5,156.2	2,252.3	7,408.5	76.5	2,297.3	9,782.3
1940 . . .	4,182.5	2,281.9	6,464.4	419.2	3,620.1	10,503.7
1945 . . .	7,080.9	2,555.1	9,636.0	1,001.2	8,344.7	18,981.9
1950 . . .	2,790.0	2,113.0	4,903.0	1,261.0	7,681.0	13,845.0
1951 . . .	2,171.0	2,041.0	4,212.0	1,231.0	7,438.0	12,881.0
1952 . . .	1,714.0	1,982.0	3,696.0	1,201.0	7,125.0	12,022.0
1953 . . .	1,403.0	1,903.0	3,306.0	1,137.0	6,593.0	11,036.0
1954 . . .	1,039.0	1,781.0	2,820.0	993.0	6,045.0	9,858.0
1955 . . .	845.0	1,741.0	2,586.0	869.0	5,734.0	9,189.0
1956 . . .	625.0	1,749.0	2,374.0	814.0	5,568.0	8,756.0
1957 . . .	491.0	1,706.0	2,197.0	703.0	5,438.0	8 338.0
1958 . . .	415.0	1,635.0	2,050.0	593.0	5,135.0	7,778.0

## *Transit Operating Revenues 1958*

**TABLE NO. 9**  
**Transit Operating Revenue for Year 1958 Distributed by Types of Service and Population Groups**

	RAILWAY (Millions)	TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
Subway and Elevated .....	\$266.5	.....	.....	\$266.5
Surface Lines: (Population Group)				
500,000 and over .....	60.8	\$57.4	\$414.4	532.6
250,000— 500,000 .....	0.5	31.1	147.4	179.0
100,000— 250,000 .....	1.6	8.8	119.3	129.7
50,000— 100,000 .....	3.2	3.6	84.9	91.7
Less Than 50,000 .....	1.0	2.3	34.5	37.8
Suburban and Other .....	32.0	0	80.2	112.2
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$365.6</b>	<b>\$103.2</b>	<b>\$880.7</b>	<b>\$1,349.5</b>

## *Trend of Operating Revenue*

**TABLE NO. 10**  
**Trend and Distribution of Transit Operating Revenue in the United States by Types of Service**  
**At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1958**

CAL- ENDAR YEAR	RAILWAY			TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
	SURFACE (Millions)	SUBWAY AND ELEVATED (Millions)	TOTAL (Millions)			
1935 ...	\$388.0	\$131.8	\$519.8	\$5.5	\$156.1	\$681.4
1940 ...	327.8	128.3	456.1	25.0	255.9	737.0
1945 ...	560.1	149.4	709.5	68.4	602.5	1,380.4
1950 ...	361.7	216.4	578.1	122.0	752.0	1,452.1
1951 ...	318.9	214.7	533.6	132.0	807.1	1,472.7
1952 ...	279.7	213.9	493.6	147.4	860.3	1,501.3
1953 ...	250.6	239.5	490.1	151.3	871.7	1,513.1
1954 ...	204.2	269.2	473.4	141.5	856.9	1,471.8
1955 ...	175.5	264.3	439.8	130.8	855.8	1,426.4
1956 ...	139.4	271.4	410.8	127.6	877.7	1,416.1
1957 ...	115.3	267.6	382.9	116.4	886.3	1,385.6
1958 ...	99.1	266.5	365.6	103.2	880.7	1,349.5

## *Trend of Passenger Revenue*

**TABLE NO. 11**

**Trend and Distribution of Transit Passenger Revenue in the United States by  
Types of Service  
At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1958**

CAL- ENDAR YEAR	RAILWAY			TROLLEY COACH	MOTOR BUS	GRAND TOTAL
	SURFACE	SUBWAY AND ELEVATED	TOTAL			
	(Millions)	(Millions)	(Millions)	(Millions)	(Millions)	(Millions)
1935 ...	\$357.8	\$127.8	\$485.6	\$5.5	\$151.2	\$642.3
1940 ...	304.0	123.8	427.8	24.9	248.8	701.5
1945 ...	513.4	142.3	655.7	68.0	590.0	1,313.7
1950 ...	322.4	209.6	532.0	120.6	734.2	1,386.8
1951 ...	284.4	207.3	491.7	130.6	789.3	1,411.6
1952 ...	247.0	206.2	453.2	145.8	839.1	1,438.1
1953 ...	218.0	232.0	450.0	148.9	849.7	1,448.6
1954 ...	174.5	261.4	435.9	138.8	835.3	1,410.0
1955 ...	146.6	257.5	404.1	128.5	826.3	1,358.9
1956 ...	112.4	264.2	376.6	124.5	845.3	1,346.4
1957 ...	89.4	260.5	349.9	112.7	849.6	1,312.2
1958 ...	75.6	259.4	335.0	100.1	839.2	1,274.3

## *Trend of Vehicle Miles Operated*

**TABLE NO. 12**

**Revenue Vehicle Miles Operated in the United States  
by Each Type of Transit Vehicle  
At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1958**

CAL- ENDAR YEAR	RAILWAY			TROLLEY COACH	MOTOR BUS	GRAND TOTAL
	SURFACE	SUBWAY AND ELEVATED	TOTAL			
	(Millions)	(Millions)	(Millions)	(Millions)	(Millions)	(Millions)
1935 ...	1,147.7	438.6	1,586.3	14.6	711.1	2,312.0
1940 ...	844.7	470.8	1,315.5	86.0	1,194.5	2,596.0
1945 ...	939.8	458.4	1,398.2	133.3	1,722.3	3,253.8
1950 ...	463.1	443.4	906.5	205.7	1,895.4	3,007.6
1951 ...	387.6	424.0	811.6	208.8	1,893.0	2,913.4
1952 ...	321.2	400.4	721.6	215.2	1,877.7	2,814.5
1953 ...	273.7	391.1	664.8	211.7	1,819.0	2,695.5
1954 ...	215.1	376.3	591.4	196.7	1,760.7	2,548.8
1955 ...	178.3	382.8	561.1	176.5	1,709.9	2,447.5
1956 ...	132.9	387.1	520.0	165.7	1,680.9	2,366.6
1957 ...	106.6	388.0	494.6	146.5	1,648.4	2,289.5
1958 ...	89.9	386.5	476.4	131.0	1,593.6	2,201.0

## *Electric Power — Motor Fuel*

**TABLE NO. 13**

**Electrical Energy and Motor Fuel Consumed by the Transit Industry of  
the United States**

**At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1958**

CAL- ENDAR YEAR	KILOWATT HOURS CONSUMED (IN MILLIONS)				GALLONS OF MOTOR FUEL USED (IN THOUSANDS)		
	RAPID TRANSIT	SURFACE RAILWAY	TROLLEY COACH	TOTAL	GASOLINE	DIESEL OIL	PROPANE
1935 ...	1,852	5,096	61	7,009	*	*	0
1940 ...	1,977	4,050	307	6,334	*	*	0
1945 ...	1,966	4,547	520	7,033	510,000	11,800	0
1950 ...	2,000	2,410	841	5,251	(a)430,000	98,600	(a)
1951 ...	1,970	2,010	846	4,826	411,000	112,000	10,300
1952 ...	1,860	1,640	859	4,359	380,000	121,000	18,700
1953 ...	1,820	1,390	850	4,060	360,000	130,000	20,300
1954 ...	1,780	1,080	790	3,650	330,100	139,200	26,800
1955 ...	1,830	910	720	3,460	297,900	143,900	30,800
1956 ...	1,860	700	680	3,240	272,300	153,000	30,800
1957 ...	1,880	560	600	3,040	252,200	158,400	34,900
1958 ...	1,855	485	535	2,875	236,500	160,700	35,800

\*Data not available.

(a) Propane included with gasoline.

## *Employment and Payroll*

**TABLE NO. 14**

**Number of Employees, Annual Payroll and Average Annual Earnings per  
Employee in the Transit Industry of the United States**

**At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1958**

YEAR	AVERAGE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	PAYROLL	AVERAGE ANNUAL EARNINGS PER EMPLOYEE
1935 .....	209,000	\$321,000,000	\$1,536
1940 .....	203,000	360,000,000	1,773
1945 .....	242,000	632,000,000	2,612
1950 .....	240,000	835,000,000	3,479
1951 .....	232,000	872,000,000	3,760
1952 .....	227,000	903,000,000	3,978
1953 .....	220,000	913,000,000	4,150
1954 .....	211,000	895,000,000	4,242
1955 .....	198,000	864,000,000	4,364
1956 .....	186,000	852,000,000	4,581
1957 .....	177,000	840,000,000	4,746
1958 .....	165,000	831,000,000	5,036

## *New Equipment 1958*

**TABLE NO. 15**

**New Transit Equipment Delivered in 1958 Classified According to Population Group and Seating Capacity**

POPULATION GROUP	SUB-WAY & ELE-VATED 50-55 SEATS	TROL-LEY COACH 49 SEATS	MOTOR BUS (INTEGRAL ONLY)				GRAND TOTAL ALL VE-HICLES
			29 SEATS OR LESS	30-39 SEATS	40 SEATS OR MORE	TOTAL	
500,000 and over . . . . .	428	0	0	17	720	737	1,165
250,000—500,000 . . . . .	...	0	0	33	378	411	411
100,000—250,000 . . . . .	...	0	0	23	218	241	241
50,000—100,000 . . . . .	...	0	2	45	77	124	124
Less Than 50,000 . . . . .	...	0	0	55	37	92	92
Suburban & Other . . . . .	...	0	0	4	89	93	93
TOTAL . . . . .	428	0	2	177	1,519	1,698	2,126

## *Size of New Buses*

**TABLE NO. 16**

**Number of Buses in Each Size Class Delivered in the Years 1943-1958**

YEAR	29 SEATS OR LESS	30-39 SEATS	40 SEATS OR MORE	TOTAL
*1943 . . . . .	847	179	225	1,251
1944 . . . . .	2,423	369	1,015	3,807
1945 . . . . .	1,757	1,183	1,501	4,441
1946 . . . . .	1,849	2,429	2,185	6,463
1947 . . . . .	1,951	3,717	6,361	12,029
1948 . . . . .	523	2,144	4,342	7,009
1949 . . . . .	289	1,344	1,725	3,358
1950 . . . . .	205	852	1,611	2,668
1951 . . . . .	148	1,711	2,693	4,552
1952 . . . . .	36	548	1,165	1,749
1953 . . . . .	30	499	1,717	2,246
1954 . . . . .	22	359	1,844	2,225
1955 . . . . .	8	229	1,861	2,098
1956 . . . . .	8	162	2,589	2,759
1957 . . . . .	0	129	1,817	1,946
1958 . . . . .	2	177	1,519	1,698

\*Date for prior years not available.



## *Trend of New Equipment*

**TABLE NO. 17**

**New Passenger Equipment Delivered to Transit Companies in the United States—  
Annually 1940 to 1958**

CAL- ENDAR YEAR	RAILWAY CARS			TROLLEY COACHES	MOTOR BUSES	GRAND TOTAL
	SURFACE	SUBWAY & ELEVATED	TOTAL			
*1940 ..	463	189	652	618	3,984	5,254
1941 ..	462	0	462	227	5,600	6,289
1942 ..	284	0	284	356	7,200	7,840
1943 ..	32	0	32	116	1,251	1,399
1944 ..	284	0	284	60	3,807	4,151
1945 ..	332	0	332	161	4,441	4,934
1946 ..	421	0	421	266	6,463	7,150
1947 ..	626	2	628	955	12,029	13,612
1948 ..	478	248	726	1,430	7,009	9,165
1949 ..	273	415	688	680	3,358	4,726
1950 ..	4	199	203	179	2,668	3,050
1951 ..	56	140	196	600	4,552	5,348
1952 ..	19	0	19	224	1,749	1,992
1953 ..	0	0	0	0	2,246	2,246
1954 ..	0	260	260	0	2,225	2,485
1955 ..	0	288	288	43	2,098	2,429
1956 ..	0	376	376	0	2,759	3,135
1957 ..	0	469	469	0	1,946	2,415
1958 ..	0	428	428	0	1,698	2,126

\*Data for prior years not available.

## *Transit Equipment Owned in 1958*

**TABLE NO. 18**

**Transit Passenger Equipment in 1958 Showing Types of Vehicles and Their  
Distribution by Population Groups**

	RAILWAY CARS	TROLLEY COACHES	MOTOR BUSES	GRAND TOTAL
Subway and Elevated . . . . .	9,091	.....	.....	9,091
Surface Lines: (Population Group)				
500,000 and over . . . . .	2,361	4,000	19,500	32,961
250,000— 500,000 . . . . .			7,100	
100,000— 250,000 . . . . .			7,700	
50,000— 100,000 . . . . .	438	848	5,300	19,786
Less Than 50,000 . . . . .			5,500	
Suburban and Other . . . . .	309	0	5,000	5,309
TOTAL . . . . .	12,199	4,848	50,100	67,147

## *Trend of Transit Equipment Owned*

**TABLE NO. 19**

**Trends of Transit Passenger Equipment in the United States by Types of Equipment  
At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1958**

AS OF DECEMBER 31ST	RAILWAY CARS			TROLLEY COACH	MOTOR BUS	GRAND TOTAL
	SURFACE	SUBWAY AND ELEVATED	TOTAL			
1935 ...	40,050	10,416	50,466	578	23,800	74,844
1940 ...	26,630	11,032	37,662	2,802	35,000	75,464
1945 ...	26,160	10,217	36,377	3,711	49,670	89,758
1950 ...	13,228	9,758	22,986	6,504	56,820	86,310
1951 ...	10,960	9,644	20,604	7,071	57,660	85,335
1952 ...	9,700	9,476	19,176	7,180	55,980	82,336
1953 ...	7,990	9,244	17,234	6,941	54,700	78,875
1954 ...	6,400	9,200	15,600	6,598	54,000	76,198
1955 ...	5,300	9,232	14,532	6,157	52,400	73,089
1956 ...	3,970	9,255	13,225	5,748	51,400	70,373
1957 ...	3,601	9,158	12,759	5,412	50,800	68,971
1958 ...	3,108	9,091	12,199	4,848	50,100	67,147

## *Track and Route Mileage 1958*

**TABLE NO. 20**

**Total Miles of Electric Railway Track, Motor Bus Route and Trolley Coach Route  
of the Transit Industry in the United States, 1958  
Distributed by Population Groups**

	RAILWAY	TROLLEY COACH	MOTOR BUS
Subway and Elevated .....	1,244	.....	.....
Surface Lines: (Population Group)			
500,000 and over .....	998	2,184	14,000
250,000— 500,000 .....			13,900
100,000— 250,000 .....	128	539	11,900
50,000— 100,000 .....			8,600
Less Than 50,000 .....			5,700
Suburban and Other .....	1,775	0	50,400
TOTAL .....	4,145	2,723	104,500

## *Trend of Track and Route Mileage*

**TABLE NO. 21**

**Electric Railway Track, Motor Bus Route and Trolley Coach Route of the Transit  
Industry in the United States  
At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1958**

AS OF DECEMBER 31ST	TOTAL MILES OF RAILWAY TRACK			TROLLEY COACH— MILES OF NEGATIVE OVERHEAD WIRE	MOTOR BUS— MILES OF ROUTE ROUND- TRIP
	SURFACE	SUBWAY AND ELEVATED	TOTAL		
1935 ...	25,470	1,230	26,700	548	58,100
1940 ...	18,360	1,242	19,602	1,925	78,000
1945 ...	16,480	1,222	17,702	2,313	90,400
1950 ...	9,590	1,223	10,813	3,513	98,000
1951 ...	8,240	1,217	9,457	3,678	99,700
1952 ...	7,309	1,223	8,532	3,736	99,600
1953 ...	6,126	1,226	7,352	3,663	100,000
1954 ...	5,547	1,218	6,765	3,630	99,000
1955 ...	4,976	1,221	6,197	3,428	99,800
1956 ...	4,495	1,251	5,746	3,293	100,700
1957 ...	3,774	1,245	5,019	3,007	102,400
1958 ...	2,901	1,244	4,145	2,723	104,500

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